Saved by the Blood

A sixteen-year-old missionary's daughter is alive, saved by the blood of a donor. Some would call it chance, others design.

Missionary Nichols and his family were returning from a little vacation to Asuncion, Paraguay on January 15 when one side of their car was sheared off by collision with a truck on a slippery road. Most seriously injured was sixteen-year-old Becky who suffered fractures of the thigh, upper arm and jaw, a nearly severed ear, and a deep cup in the left shoulder that caused severe bleeding.

When the family was taken to the Baptist hospital as Asuncion the girl's life was probably saved by a transfusion of rare-type blood. The day before the accident an unknown man had come to the hospital wanting to donate blood. The technicians discovered that his blood type was RH negative. Dr. Donald McDowell, missionary surgeon, turned the man away because they had very little call for that type and did not think it worthwhile to store it. When the man insisted and did not want to leave, they agreed to take blood, more to please him than anything else. The next day Becky's life may have been saved by that extra pint of RH negative blood.

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Beautiful Day

What a beautiful day for Jesus to come!
What a beautiful day!
So I'll pray and watch.
I'll watch and pray
For Jesus could come this beautiful day.
God's glory will clothe Him
And angels attend,
Singing anthems of joy
That never shall end.
He will come with a shout
And trump from on high
That shall echo and echo
And never die.
Then His faithful jewels
Ascending above,
Shall dwell forever
In the fold of His love.
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when Jesus shall come!
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So I'll pray and work.
I'll work and pray
For Jesus will come some beautiful day.
—Mabelle Wiard Willmarth

Vietnamese Soldiers Find Christ

World Vision supports chaplains in seventeen of the hospitals of Vietnam. Stanley Mooneyham reports that 10,000 soldiers have accepted Christ through this hospital ministry. Hospitalized children are also taught the love of Jesus and carry this Christian influence home to 150,000 more people, according to reports.

Wondering

The stars of heaven gleam;
Sure, silent and supreme;
照明 the myriad runways of the sky.
For what whispering craft
Or silver space-spun raft
Do they light the labyrinthine paths?
Or are they spirit ships
That use these starry slips
As they wing up
With hallelujahs on their lips?

The stars' enticing light,
Piercing the gauze of night,
Compels minds to think of spiritual realms.
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OWM Optimism

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Furthermore, the treasurer received in February more than twice as much in dollars as was credited a year ago. It looks as if more people are determined to support the work faithfully this year. It is not going to be easy to raise $162,000 even as near as comparisons show just under $148,000 last year. We are proving, however, that it can be done. The real proof of our loyalty will have to be shown in the March and April giving.

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Public Schools and Public Purse

Although legislators and brief executive on the state and national level have announced hope of finding legitimate ways of tapping the public purse for greater aid to private (95 percent Roman Catholic) schools there are indications of the unconstitutionality of many laws or proposed laws.

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Hope is expressed that the governor and the legislature of New York will heed the call of the Commission and will end the violation of the state and U.S. Constitutions created by state aid to religious schools. It will be recalled that one $33 million appropriation measure was recently struck down in a Federal Court. A suit against another law providing $28 million for record-keeping expenses of parish schools in New York is now pending. How such aid will fare under other state constitutions is yet to be seen.

When the Black Doesn't Rub Off

A National Baptist director of public education, Washington, D. C., called for positive racial bridging building in an article. He didn't mean to say that all blacks are white and all whites are black under the surface. The report of the above paragraph are your editor's, but we quote here directly from the National Baptist education director:

"Negroes have long known and are anxious to make known that people can respect each other without black rubbing off. They know that brain can be found in black heads and dumbness in white heads," he said.

"All of us are discovering that behavior is a mirror that reflects the image of any man. The sum of behavior is for one to retain his own dignity without intruding upon the liberties of others," he said.

An infidel is a man who builds a house without windows, and then blames God because he has to live in the dark.
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MARCH 18, 1972
The Sabbath and Vocational Choice

By Dale D. Thorngate

Last month my wife Janet and I traveled to Alfred, New York, to meet with the Vocations Committee and the Board of Christian Education when they met on January 16. I went there with two objectives in mind: to find out as much as I could about what the Vocations Committee had done in the past and to share some ideas with both the committee and the board.

I must say that I was both surprised and disappointed to discover that some of the things I had been thinking about Seventh Day Baptists and their Sabbath-keeping as it relates to their vocation were said as early as 1935 and have been repeated since then on a pretty regular basis.

So I spent the three days in concentrated thought and discussion in an attempt to determine, if I could, why it is that we have been talking about the same Christian vocation and Sabbath-keeping problems for the last thirty-seven years and have not come up with any really comprehensive solutions.

I would like to share with you some of my conclusions.

We have spent a great deal of time in the past encouraging our young people to choose vocations and then find jobs which are compatible with Sabbath-keeping. Perhaps we have not been too creative in this endeavor, particularly in light of the increase in types of employment opportunities available in our industrialized society.

In any case, the result seems to have been that our young people see us offering them a choice between Sabbath-keeping and an attractive vocation. Offered these alternatives—"Do I keep the Sabbath or do I get a good job, one that pays well and one I like?"—they all too often seem to have chosen the latter.

Furthermore, the Ten Commandments law has positive as well as negative provisions. Take, for example, the Fourth Commandment, “Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.” This is revealed law which is as important in the new dispensation as in the old. When Christians make light of this law, it is not the Holy Spirit leading them to do so but some other spirit. Our relationship to this positive commandment, which Jesus said was made for mankind, may well be a test of the sincerity of our profession to follow the Lord.

Our nation will be better if we observe Law Day, USA. Our churches will be better if we observe the Ten Commandments, not omitting the Fourth.

Yearbook Progress

During the first and second weeks of March the various elements of the 1971 Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook were on the presses of the publishing house with only the index pages yet to be received and set in type as this Recorder went to press.

It is expected that the book can be assembled and the golden covers applied during the week of March 20-24, when the filling of orders will begin. Many have been looking forward to the appearance of this well-edited publication with its pictures illustrating Conference activity.

Those who have not done so may order at $3 per copy.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:
1) The field work of Justin Camenga in the Pacific Coast area.
2) The mid-April meeting of the Pacific Coast Association at Riverside and the travel plans of Conference President Paul Osborn.
3) The church and beach ministry of the youth evang team with Minnor Soper at Daytona Beach at Easter.
4) The guidance of the Holy Spirit in the many baptism and membership classes at this season.

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**KEY '73**

Believed to be the broadest and most intensive evangelistic effort ever undertaken in the United States and Canada, is led by a Central Committee which closed a two-day meeting in St. Louis, February 22.

The committee heard a report from its executive director, Dr. T. A. Raedeke, that participation was running ahead of schedule. He said that the number of denominations and Christian organizations that have committed themselves to KEY '73 now number 130.

Most of North America's major denominations are included.

The committee has reported from the Methodists and Baptists to Presbyterians, Quakers, Churches of Christ, and nearly all of the principal Lutheran groups.

Dr. Thomas Zimmerman of Springfield, Mo., general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, largest Pentecostal denomination in America.

**MEMORY TEXT**

"I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will not forget thy word" (Ps. 119:15-16).

Approved a 1972 operating budget of $149,205 for the KEY '73 secretariat located in St. Louis (418 Olive Street). A drive for a $2,000,000 program budget was begun.

Reports were presented on the progress of the six phases of the 1973 effort that are being planned, and on models of KEY '73 in action.

Mrs. Vonette Bright of San Bernardino, Calif., told the group of a massive women's prayer movement that is being developed.

Raedeke reported that a second Roman Catholic diocese (Cape Girardeau) has joined KEY '73, and that American bishops are to consider membership on a national basis at their April meeting.

The St. Louis diocese is already a member, as is a New Mexico interchurch agency to which Roman Catholics belong.

The KEY '73 sacrifical year will be highlighted by number of mass media events, special promotional events beginning at the local congregational level, emphasis on personal Christian witness, Bible studies, literature distribution, house-to-house visitation, convention and fair exhibits, and special Christmas and Easter celebrations.

KEY '73 is now in its fifth year of planning.

It has brought together denominational leaders that have never before met for any reason.

One participant said it has already served to resurrect the term "evangelism." He said that even church leaders had been dismissing it as a "worn-out, effete" term.

Each church is being encouraged to implement KEY '73 in its own way. Coordinated efforts are being designed simply to reinforce what Christians plan to do at the grassroots level.

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**Ambassadors**

God has chosen to work through people—those who have come to know Him—are privileged to share their experience. Thus Christ said clearly, "You shall be witnesses unto me." Paul, in writing to the Corinthians stated: "We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ Himself were here pleading with you, receive the grace that God offers you, be reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20 LNT).

As Christians all have the joy and opportunity to be used of God in this way. In the Era of Action Packet (distributed to pastors, clerks, S.S. superintendents and Conference delegates at Amherst in August 1971) announcement is given of the Ambassador Program, to encourage our people to recognize and set apart as ambassadors those persons with specific talents whom they will prayerfully send on a Christian mission to go as their representatives in helping reconcile others to God" (see page 22, 23).

Each church could appoint members who have a special talent, ability and experience as "ambassadors," thus encouraging the individual to use his gift prayerfully send on a Christian mission to go as their representatives in helping reconcile others to God" (see page 22, 23).

Associations, Conference or boards might also appoint individuals as their ambassadors to share their particular ministry with those in other churches or specific areas.

We urge every reader to look up and become familiar with the suggestions made in the Era of Action Packet, and implement them in his church and/or association.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

**for March 25, 1972**

**ONE BODY IN CHRIST**

Lesson Scripture: 1 Cor. 12:12-27.

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**Building Homes in Bangladesh**

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Materials for the work are being purchased locally to help the economy. At least ten houses are under construction at a time. The owner provides all of the help except that of specialists, the carpenter and the artisan for weaving the bamboo.

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If I Had Only One Sermon To Preach

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whatsoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Love and Live
Rev. Charles Swing

We owe our greatest debt of gratitude to God because of His great love for us. Paul the apostle stood to God because of His great love for us. In Christ Jesus and declared that it was God's love gift to man. This should be sinful world made up of sinful, rebellious, wayward heaven's best and heaven's greatest for us should become personally involved in His Son.

Eternal life through faith in Christ Jesus much, and only now and then do we many people forget that we are all human and we are all belonging to one human family. We are the same frost, hurt by the same wounds, whatever work we do, whatever money we earn, we are all human and we all belong to one human family. We are the sons of God and He is the Father of us all.

Why is it that every now and then we have a brotherly love feeling? It is because on that day when Jesus was born He became one with us that we might be forever with Him. He came to save us from sin, to give us new life. He came to make all things new for us. If Jesus had not come to earth, we would never have been able to say with Paul, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). If Jesus had never been born there would never have been any hope for me or for you to rebuild our lives. Jesus has a marvelous power with people. Anyone who will let Him come into his life can never be the same again.

An evangelist tells the story of one such man who was as clean-cut a man as you ever saw. He was one of those men whom God had given a lot of gifts. He was a director of a railroad and vice-president of a large bank. He had such men whom God had given a lot of gifts. He was a director of a railroad and vice-president of a large bank. He had such

The comeback was hard, but a kindly man gave him a job in a far-off city where he sold one of the largest accounts the bank had ever had. He is now vice-president of the bank across the street from the one from which he had been fired. If you asked him how it happened, he would reply simply, "It was Jesus who did it. I gave my life to Him and He came into my heart and gave me peace such as I had never before experienced."

This very day we can have that peace and contentment through Him who was born in Bethlehem long ago. We can have peace deep down in our hearts, and this peace of which I speak does not depend upon circumstances or upon the state of the world. If, in our innermost being, we are attuned to Jesus and His Spirit, and its weakness. And He felt, as you and I can never feel, the throbbing of all this human agony and misery. Yet, through it all and in it all, He had this peace. He moved quietly through what looked like failure, seeking to accomplish the will of God the Father and restoring His spirit in the love of God so that in that dark hour before He suffered, He could bequeath to those around Him His rich legacy of peace.

You and I today, whatever our outward circumstances may be, can know that peace of God in our own hearts. We may see those of God as Jesus Himself was — sure of His power to protect us, sure of His hand to guide us, sure of His Presence to go with us. His coming to earth reminds us that we are not only to think of God above and around us, but of God with us. We have the full assurance of His abiding presence, of His continual thought of us and care for us. And so may we always be willing to lend a helping hand to others, realizing that what we give, we have. In helping others we help God and ourselves.

St. Christopher, according to legend, was about to cross a swift stream when a child pleaded with him to be carried over. The plea was so touching and in sistent that it could not be refused though the stream was rapid and very dangerous and would tax his ability to get himself across. As he stepped into the current he was almost swept off his feet. He would have been, in fact, had it not been for the weight of the child, which kept growing heavier as the waters became swifter. When he reached the other side he discovered to his amazement that he had been carrying the Christ.

As life's crosscurrents and eddies buffet us, many will be swept of their feet. Those on whose shoulders rest the burden of others will best be able to keep their footing. What a blessing would come to this anxious world peace! That was the message of the angels' song over Bethlehem long ago; and so it must be today and every day for all time. Without goodwill there can be no peace upon the earth and we can never suppose that a mere truce in human malice is peace.
Light Bearers for Christ

With the announcement of the formation of the new evangelistic association, "Light Bearers for Christ, Inc.," as made in the March 11 Recorder, some may wonder, "What is the relation between this and the work of the Missionary Society evangelist on the home front, Mynor G. Soper? Can these projects be realistically carry on both interests?"

As the new association has developed during the last months the Home Field Committee of the Missionary Board has kept in close touch with plans and the projected new work. At the October 1971 board meeting this committee, with Evangelist Soper meeting with them, "formally expressed its appreciation to Mr. Soper for his work, and its interest in his new project." The board agreed that Brother Soper "serve for another year on the same 'project basis' arrangement, as of (from) April 1, 1972."

Since the beginning of his work as home front evangelist, Mr. Soper has chosen to serve on a "project basis"—responding to the needs and groups for his services and being paid for the actual days of service—rather than as a full-time employee. Thus churches wishing lay testimony or evangelistic service are to continue to schedule these directly with him.

The aims and objectives of your board and the Light Bearers for Christ are identical — the clear proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ that individuals might respond and know "abundant life," and in turn effectively share their faith with others. The new association offers added ways through teams and other ministries to reach our people.

The Light Bearers and the evangelistic work of your board will continue to be closely coordinated as we respond to the continued leadership of His Spirit. All are asked to uphold these outreach ministries in prayer.

Jamaica Conference News

The Jamaica Conference Board met November 7 at the Charles Street church, Kingston. Seventeen churches were represented by twenty-five delegates. Nine pastors were present and four officers, as well.

A good number of visitors were also present and matters of continuing concern, as well as reports, were received and considered.

The corresponding secretary reported continuing contact with the group in Town Head, Westmoreland and re-marked, "Let us pray that the Lord will keep open the door of opportunity in that part of the island." The treasurer, Joe A. Samuels gave a report of the sessions of the S. D. B. World Federation and Pastor V. R. Smith a detailed account of his experiences at the General Conference (USA). Pastor Smith's observations are worthy of noting: "The American Conference, unlike ours, spent considerably less time in formal sessions and yet more was accomplished during the time spent. This was due to the fact that all of the work of Conference was done in committees. When these committees report to Conference, there is no long drawn out debate; the report is usually accepted. But if for some reason an amendment is needed, it is handled back to the committee to make it. The floor does not make the change by vote." It is interesting to see how others view our sessions.

Action taken included: (1) setting the next session of the Jamaican Conference to be held in July 1972 with the Blue Mountain church as host by the Council on Ministerial Affairs that recognition had been given to Pastor N. W. Harley of the Mountain View church. (2) The treasurer's and auditor's reports showed the funds of the Conference were being carried the needed expenditures quite well. Most of the churches pay their own pastors directly that some of these payments were not up-to-date. The Conference board asked the delegates present to remind their churches of any outstanding indebtedness.

The secretary, Joe A. Samuels, in making comments asked, "How is your church doing financially? What kind of a Christmas is your pastor having?" The treasurer is anxious to hear from you.

Because of the shipping strike on the East coast of the United States, the Week of Prayer booklets which were ordered did not arrive. So these were republished by the Jamaica Conference and distributed to their churches for use January 2-8, 1972.

Let us continue to uphold our Jamaican brethren in their outreach and ministry, praying for the needs as we are aware of them and generally supporting them with our petitions and regular gifts to Our World Mission.

Witness in Daytona Beach

A special team of dedicated service workers will again serve during the spring college break, March 27-April 5, at Daytona Beach, Fla. The Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, pastor of the host church, is coordinating the project with Evangelist Mynor G. Soper who will head the team of six members of this team include Ruth Burdick, Steve Crouch, Butch Keown, Karen Osborn, Phil Osborn, Chris Peterson, and Richard White.

The Women's Board is again raising the financial support for the travel expenses. Those wishing to contribute may direct their gifts to the Women's Board treasurer: Mrs. Bobbie Wright, 1010 South Street, Louisville, Colo. 80027.

The Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church as host is providing local expenses. Those wishing to contribute may write: Mrs. Bobbie Wright, 1010 South Street, Louisville, Colo. 80027.

While the person-to-person beach witness continues to be a vital part of their work, the local church is planning special evangelistic services and door-to-door contacts as well. Members of the church will work closely with the team members in this outreach.

In the total church project, the "New Christian Ministries," a college age singing group from the Salem, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church, will add their witness through music April 3-5. Their activities at both Hope and Bevis. Numbering about twenty, these youths have been raising funds to make this journey and have scheduled other stops enroute.

We need to praise the Lord for the opportunity for witness and others to the opportunities for witness in our day. We should join all in prayer support as well.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

For April 1972

The Church of the Risen Lord

1-Sabbath. The Complete Victory. 1 Cor. 15:51-58

The Worshiping Community

2-Sun. The Spirit's Presence. 1 Cor. 14:1-12


4-Tue. Cloning and Strength Through Worship. Acts 4:31


6-Thur. Fellowship Through Singing. Eph. 5:19-20; Col. 3:16

7-Fri. Worship God! Rev. 19:5-10

8-Sat. Praising the Name of Christ. Phil. 2:11-13

Organized for Mission


11-Tues. Dispersion of Leaders. Tit. 1:5-9

12-Wed. Bishop's Qualifications. 1 Tim. 3:17

13-Thur. Deacons' Qualifications. 1 Tim. 3:8-13

14-Fri. Appointed Leaders. Heb. 1:1-6

15-Sat. The Church in Council. Acts 15:1-6, 10, 11

The Witnessing Fellowship

16-Sun. Impelled To Tell Others. Rom. 1:15-20


21-Fri. Peter Witness' to the Roman. Acts 10:34-44

22-Sat. Philip and the Ambassador. Acts 8:26-40

The Missional Imperative


25-Tues. Christ's Final Scripture. Lk. 24:44-49


28-Fri. Singing a Witness. Acts 16:25-34


Involved with Human Need

30-Sun. The Serving Fellowship. Lk. 22:34-30

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The Uniform Series of International Bible Lessons has been in use for over one hun­
dred years, was published in 1825, and copyrighted at the North American Press, 
dianapolis, Ind., in April 1872. The present Uniform Series Committee and its 
guests will mark the century this year on April 12, the anniversary date of the 
Sabbath School which the work was organized.

Seventh Day Baptists believe that the first Sabbath School in this country was 
organized on April 24, 1872, in the same church where the work was organized.

The Uniform Series Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian 
Education was organized by the committee on the uniform lesson committee which 
outlines and schedules lesson topics and suggests basic Bible study materials.

Over 30 Percent Increase 
in Sabbath School

The Sabbath School Loyalty Day 
observation among Seventh Day Baptists 
in the United States last fall included the 
possibility of an increase in attendance on Loyalty Day. The Adams Center, Q. J., church's report 
indicated a thirty-one percent increase over the previous year's average attendance. 
We congratulate all the churches and 
church for this achievement and pray 
they may continue to move ahead.

The Sabbath School secretary reported that "special letters were mailed out 
non-active members. A fellowship dinner was served following the church 
service. Our prominent teachers and officers were present as well as the 
oldest member there." The Sabbath School is 150 years old, and currently has 
adult, youth, junior, and primary groups.

We would extend appreciation to the other schools which submitted reports 
and wish them every success in the beau­
tiful work of sharing the good news in 
such a way that life is fuller, even to overflown­ing.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. David S. Clarke

To Mark Century
of Uniform Lessons

The Rev. William Calvin Whitford is 
remembered as editor of "The Hebrewing 
Hand" from 1898 to 1925 by older adults 
in Sabbath Schools today. The Rev. E. E. Sutton served as editor from 1926 to 
1951, and since then O. R. Hoagland, Rev. Don A. Sanford and Rev. Duane L. 
Davis, present incumbent, have served. These men have also worked with secre­
taries of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education on the Uniform 
Lesson Committee which outlines and schedules lesson topics and suggests basic 
Bible study materials.

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Elmer W. Anderson

Happiness is — Purity

The promise in this beatitude is no less 
than to see God. Of course, we know that 
God has no corporeal form, and there­fore, there is no question of "seeing" Him 
in the ordinary physical sense in which 
one might see a human being or an ob­ject. If one could see God in this way, 
He would be limited and, therefore, not 
God.

We live in God's world, but don't 
know it as it is. Heaven lies all about us
—not a distant locality among the stars that 
is about them, and have the
know it as it is. Heaven lies all about us.
and wish them every success in the beau­
tiful work of sharing the good news in 
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of life. It is sin that makes pain 
seem the blind lash of inexorable law and 
that sets a man confused, wretched, or 
despondent in life's stressful situations.

The last words in life are always left 
to the heart to speak. In every difficult 
and painful passage of experience a man 
sees the harvest of his labor, but the 
harvest of his life. He gathers the
reap not the harvest of 
life, and sees only
the sense of smell, we shall see what a
the garden, and sees only
from earth's monotonies, the deathless mean­
ing of its passing services, the eternal in 
many hour, and seeing these things 
is seeing God. If you want to 
see these

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Wait for Second Baptism in USSR

"Baptist churches in the USSR have 
a significantly different procedure of bap­tism from the practice in the United 
States," says Walter W. Bottoms in an 
article in the Baptist Times, weekly news­
paper published in London. He describes 
the current position of the churches and 
the difference between the two countries:

Newly baptized members of a church 
return immediately to their sanctuary. 
Ministers who observe the services stand 
before them and, with raised hands, pray 
for the gift of the Holy Spirit upon them.

The following prayer, from the congre­
gation, comes with bouquets, one for each new member. Then 
each is greeted with hugs and kisses of 
joy and welcome.
Youth Retreat
North Central Association

Have you been wondering what’s been happening with the North Central Association youth? Let me take just a few minutes of your time and tell you.

The high school and college age youth got together during the cold, bleak weekend of January 14-16, in Milton, for the Mid-winter Retreat where everyone experienced warm fellowship. This was easily accomplished because the high temperature Sabbath Day was -20°. (Yes, you read correctly, 20 degrees below zero!)

Things started rolling Friday evening as representatives from the Dodge Center, Minn.; Battle Creek, Mich.; Albion, Milton, and New Auburn, Wis., churches trickled in. Old acquaintances were re-newed and new ones conceived through informal conversations. The girls “slept out” in the Ed Shaw living room, while the guys occupied the carpeted church nursery.

The retreaters had a lot in store for them Sabbath Day—church and Sabbath School in the morning; in the afternoon, a panel discussion and talk concerning dating and marriage. It was led by Bill Bond, Campus Crusade staff member in Chicago, followed by Chris Pederson, leading group singing.

We decided to have the business meeting before supper to insure the safe transportation of any important business. This precaution was taken due to the preparation of the evening meal by the male members attending the retreat! Alas! This precautionary method was for naught as the guys concocted the best-tasting hot dogs and cake ever! This event realized just a few of the hidden talents that the male species does possess! In appreciation for the tasty meal, the female members exhibited their own “Thank You” version of the Ziegfield Follies.

The evening proved to be very inspirational as Pastor John Camden of Dodge Center spoke. A Bible study of Romans 5:1-11. This was followed by testimonies of what Christ is doing in the lives of several retreaters. We also had a movie telling of the evangelistic outreach conducted by several high school students in their school. Later on, a variety of games were initiated for recreation.

After breakfast Sunday morning each person left, taking with him several meaningful experiences that he encountered during the weekend.

——Helene Nelson, Reporter

Love and Live
(Continued from page 9)

Peace can only come when you have made room for it in our noisy, crowded lives. Peace can only come as we bury all hatred and suspicion and prejudice. We must put away feuds and grudges and jealousies and fears. We can never hope to do that except by the possession of a new spirit and a new hope possessing our hearts.

Let us open our hearts and lives to His spirit in order that He may permeate our entire being. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that we might live through faith in Him.

Have you given your life to Him? If not, will you give Him to come into your life now? Say with the chorus writer: “Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.”

American Baptist Convention

The 65th annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention will be held at Denver, Colo., May 10-14, 1972. Starting Thursday, May 4, and continuing until the main meetings begin, approximately 500 Baptists will hold pre-convention board and committee meetings. An attendance of about 6,000 is expected at Denver.

The American Baptist Convention, with headquarters at Valley Forge, Pa., has approximately 1 million members in 6,000 local churches located in 47 states, including Hawaii and Alaska, and also in Puerto Rico. Through its agencies it supports missionary work in 17 overseas countries.
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The Law as a Straight Edge
No one can find salvation by the Ten Commandments, for the better one understands the meaning of the Ten Commandments the more clearly he sees that he has fallen short of the righteousness demanded by them. He sees his efforts as insufficient. Thus the law drives him to seek salvation by grace rather than "by the deeds of the law."

Leighton Ford has commented on Romans 3:30: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Evangelist Ford puts it this way, "The Commandments are the straight edge to show where we're crooked."

Although it is true that the law does not save, it is equally true that without the law no one is aware that he needs to be saved. That is the first reason for the giving of the law. The second reason is to provide a standard with which the Christian compares his life and, with the help of Christ, keeps it straight. Every Christian knows his continuing need of that divinely-given straight edge.

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51).

There is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.